

Cambridge Water Department

DRINK CAMBRIDGE TAP WATER

TEST FOR LEAD IN YOUR TAP WATER AT HOME!



The Cambridge Water Department offers to test Cambridge residents' tap water for lead; free of charge. Lead Sampling kits are available at the Cambridge Water Department by calling 617 349-4780. After obtaining your Lead Sampling Kit follow these easy instructions: **Samples are to be collected from a tap in the residence that is used for drinking water purposes. Two samples are to be collected from the same tap (kitchen, bathroom etc.) using containers provided. Sample A is to be collected from the first amount of water coming out of the tap after sitting unused for at least six hours. Sample B is to be collected after the water has been running and there is a change in water temperature Why? The first sample will tell us the relative corrosiveness of the water after standing in the residence for at least six hours. (This is where the highest amount of lead is likely to be found.) The second sample taken after letting the water run will give an indication of lead levels typically found in the drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the limit of lead in drinking water at 0.015 milligrams per liter.**

Please return the 2 Sample containers and this sheet to : The Cambridge Water Department at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway. Call 617 34-4780 before coming! Results will be mailed.

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Sample Information:

Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Sample A:

Location _____ Time: _____

Sample B:

Time: _____

Results of Survey:

Type of Service Connection: _____

Age of Service: _____

Results Sample A: _____

Results Sample B: _____

****0.015 mpl: EPA threshold***

Any questions? Call Ed Dowling at: 617
349-4780